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Class Thoughts

PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ mind you are unified in thought, purpose, and understanding for the good of all humanity.

MARCH 20 to APRIL 19
ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): I behold the sun of Spirit steadily rising in my consciousness, dissolving the fogs of fear and timidity. I am bold, free, all-wise, and all-knowing Spirit.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): Prosperity moves fearlessly into my mind and affairs, and success attends all my efforts.

HEALING (9 p. m.): The resurrecting Spirit of Christ inspires me to action mentally and physically. I am health made manifest.

APRIL 20 to MAY 19
ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): The light of the Spirit of truth illumines me.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): I acknowledge the transforming power of the Spirit of truth, and every thought of lack reveals a silver lining of superabundance.

HEALING (9 p. m.): My mind is transformed by the Spirit of truth, and I am made whole.

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Help Thou Mine Unbelief

JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

“**L**ORD, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.”
Out of how many troubled hearts this cry has risen!

For some it is easy to believe. To them God is as real as their own hands or eyes; His purposes are plain, His love is sure. They may not be able to put their faith into words. They do not need to. They have it in their heart, and they put it into all they say and do.

For others it is not easy to believe. They want to believe. They pore over books of metaphysics and study the teachings of mystics and saints. They spend long hours in prayer. Yet they lack a heart of faith. Even after years the mists of doubt remain, the weary cry still rises: “Help thou mine unbelief.”

Faith is the foundation of religion. Psychologists analyze its nature. Mystics describe its effects. Theologians dispute its meaning. When we hear of miracles, we hear that they were wrought through faith. When we pray and do not get what we pray for, we are likely to be told that we do not have enough faith.

What is this faith that we are told is so important to us?

Faith is not so much a matter of the mind as of the heart. Sometimes in seeking to understand God as a principle, we lose sight of Him as a presence. Theologians and philosophers can know God as words to set down in books, but a child that cannot even utter the name of God may have a faith beyond that of learned priests. To have faith is not to theorize about God or even to imagine Him, but to experience Him.

Faith is the opposite of fear. Have you ever felt the icy feet, the racing heart, the unnerved hands of fear? The hands of faith are strong and sure. The feet of faith move steady to the will. The heart of faith beats quietly in tune with God. Faith is a warmth, a feeling of well-being that envelops the body and overflows the mind. Faith brings an inward peace, a tranquil spirit.

Faith is the expectation of the unexpected. Faith is an open and courageous heart. The arms of prayer are outstretched, not in supplication but in surrender to life's sovereign will, in submission to the ruling order of the universe, in receptivity to good.

Faith is the power to see in the disappointment of today the fulfillment of tomorrow, in the end of old hopes the beginning of new life. Faith is the inward power to see beyond the outward signs, the power to know that all is right when

everything looks wrong.

When our fondest dreams seem to go amiss and our dearest prayers seem to remain unanswered, faith is a vision of life that soars beyond the limitations of the self—these narrow senses, this imperfect reason, this drift of circumstance—and sees that our life is a part of something more than we have ever understood, that in spite of all that may seem and all that may happen there is an ultimate fulfillment, that all is well, that all must be well; for life has an eternal meaning, and we are one with the infinite, and whatever may befall us, in the all-infolding, all-unfolding everness of God it will work out for good.

To have such faith is to have the serenity of the saint, the passion of the poet, and the exaltation of the mystic.

You can learn to have faith.

Faith is not an abstraction; it is an attitude toward life, a feeling about life. It does not come out of signs or miracles or any outward happenings so much as out of inward growth.

If you cannot believe in much, then believe in the little that you can. Start where you are and grow. What seed can have a foreknowledge of the tree it will become? What thorny bush can prophesy the rose? What worm can tell of the butterfly? Faith grows.

If you find yourself deploring how little your faith is, think how far you have come with the little faith you have. As you climb a hill it is sometimes well to look back to see how far you have come instead of always looking at the interminable heights ahead.

Sometimes you may have more faith than you imagine, and when you need it you will find it there within you.

Have you never, standing by the sea or walking down a country road or wandering through a field or wood or gazing at the starry sky, suddenly been lifted up and out of yourself, overwhelmed by beauty, so that for a moment you were not anything at all, but were a part of all that is? Surely this is faith.

Have you never stood on a busy corner and felt your heart go out, clear out, to the people, all the people, your people, feeling their minds all winged with dreams like yours, feeling their hearts all big with yearnings like yours, feeling the human tide of life moving, ceaselessly moving, moving forward? Surely this is faith.

Have you never in the silence of yourself felt a sense of being more than self? Surely this is faith.

Faith grows.

And the faith that grows out of questioning is

stronger than the faith born of blind acceptance. It can withstand the shocks of circumstance. Only he who questions the universe and questions it in utter honesty can grow in his comprehension of the truth.

Sometimes when a man has much to meet he doubts his power to meet it. He feels alone. Yet if he but keeps on, he will not fail, he cannot fail—even if he falters, even if he falls. Even in defeat he is victorious; for he wins the greatest victory of all, victory over himself.

This is certain; he is not alone. He is one with the sovereign and sustaining will, one with the abiding order, one with the goodness and the heroism, one with the upward urge, one with the triumphant spirit of life.

Though there be no shouts of praise, no laurels, he bears the whole race forward in his great stride, and the compassion that infolds the world catches him to itself and presses him even into the inmost heart of life, even into the love of God Himself.

"Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

When from your heart the troubled cry goes up, know that there is no cry but that somehow there is an answer. There is a love. There is a power. There is a wisdom, and there is a way to go. Let your heart hold fast; the way will be made plain.

God Bless You

MARY MAE OESCH

“**G**OD BLESS YOU.” Have you ever stopped to think of the power behind these words? It seems to me that there is no completely adequate definition of the verb “to bless.” The word has a different meaning to each individual, according to his experience. But in essence, blessings are man’s gift to man from the heart of God’s love.

Jesus’ words of blessing known as the Beatitudes have lived through the centuries as a benediction upon all mankind. His divine compassion reaches out to us of the twentieth century, and we can feel His love and blessing as did those who listened to His Sermon on the Mount.

Since the power of blessing must be lived to be understood, try for yourself an experiment in blessing. Meditate upon the meaning of the word. To bless a person or circumstance means to recognize the presence and power of God in that person or thing. To bless means to call good into manifestation. A word or thought of blessing has a two-fold result. It helps the person or thing you wish to bless, and it consciously identifies you with the creative power of God.

When you wake in the morning, thank God for

the privilege of a new day. Bless the day for all the good it holds in store. Bless it as an opportunity to discover more of God, more of good. Silently bless your loved ones with the thought that they too will have a good day. Let your smile and your cheerfulness bring a blessing throughout this day.

Mother, send your children off to school with a positive blessing for a happy day. Put out of your mind the memory of Tom's poor grades in spelling or Jane's sniffles with the thought "God bless you." Acknowledge the power of the Almighty to guide, to inspire, to protect, and to bless your dear ones.

Wife, when your husband goes off to work, remember that good-by means literally "God be with you." When your husband goes forth accompanied by the blessing "God be with you" his affairs are more prosperous, his daily work more efficiently done.

Businessman, remember that blessings are thought investments, and if properly directed, the returns on them can be measured in terms of both material and spiritual gain. Silently bless your competitors and your customers, bless your fellow workers and any perplexing situation that may arise during the day.

The habit of blessing directs our thoughts in

constructive channels, transforms the negative into the positive, and keeps us generally on the upgrade.

Even children soon learn the practical value of blessing. We can encourage them to send out kindly thoughts of helpfulness to their friends, thoughts of forgiveness and good wishes to any with whom they have quarreled. We can teach them to bless the problems that bother them. We can teach them that they are God's children, safe in His love and endowed with His wisdom. We can help our children to be appreciative of the blessings they enjoy. We can help them to share their blessings with others. If we will consciously try to use the power of blessing for even one day we shall feel a renewal of strength and inspiration. We may not have a day free of problems, but we shall be able to solve the problems more readily as we bless them, bless ourselves, and bless any other persons concerned. We shall find that our strength and skill are more than adequate for any task that comes to our hands.

When we come to the end of a day devoted to thoughts of blessing and the activities inspired by these thoughts, we shall feel a great sense of peace welling up in us. And we shall be able to take our rest with the sure knowledge that tomorrow will bring blessings anew.

God Bless You Everyone

CARL FRANGKISER

Though we say in parting,
"Good-by, farewell to you,"
That parting word is more a prayer:
It's really "God bless you."

They're simple words, yet when I say,
"God bless you,"

Every good wish goes with you on your
way.

A fervent prayer,
These simple words "God bless you";
Carry it with you night and day:
To guide if mist should cloud your sky;
To comfort when tears dim your eye.
My heart and soul are in this benediction:

"God bless you everyone."

*Editor's note: This is the theme song of the
Unity radio programs.*

Two Words

BILLIE RHEA

YOU MAY not feel that words of themselves are mighty and wonderful. Of course of themselves they are not. But fill them with thought and wing them with faith and you have something powerful and potent!

There are two words that have brought much good to me. They make up the phrase "divine order." Divine: like unto divinity, pertaining to the Deity, appropriated to God. Order: regular arrangement; any methodical or established succession or harmonious relation. Divine order.

I use the phrase divine order as a healing thought. From the top of my head to the tip of my toes I feel a need to express my Godlikeness. My body temple was created by Him, and it is sustained by His life. So to claim His divine order is to declare that every part of my being is in right relationship to every other part. Every organ, every function is working together, and in this perfect co-ordination there is the generation of vitality, energy, strength. I continually affirm divine order, and a pattern of perfection is established.

In my affairs there is a need for inspiration, continual adjustment, increasing prosperity, spirit-

ual discernment, and harmony. So again to claim divine order is to declare that this divine order is manifesting itself in my mind as the ideas I need in order to progress in my work, as the wisdom I seek in order to accomplish good. Divine order means right relations with my family, friends, and co-workers. It assures me of plenty to meet my needs and to satisfy my desire for security. For all my affairs I confidently affirm, divine order.

In praying for understanding and peace in the world what more appropriate words can I use than "divine order"? I declare that divine order is established in the minds and hearts of men and in the heavens and in the earth.

I have used the words divine order as my prayer about everyday needs: to locate a lost key, to ease the pain in a hand burned from scalding water, to gain protection and peace of mind on ice-covered streets.

Last year when my husband and I were traveling along a desert stretch of road in Arizona the brakes on the car gave out completely. Our anxiety must have communicated itself to our four-year-old son, for before we knew it he was declaring in a loud voice: "Divine order. Divine order." We began laughing then, and the tenseness we had felt disappeared, for he had recalled

to us the source of our needed help. Soon a service station seemed to rise out of the sand itself. We found the help we needed and learned too that this was the only station in a radius of fifty miles.

Silent Unity has many prayers with the words divine order in them. One beginning "Divine order is now established in my mind, body, and affairs" has been used by many persons the world over. No doubt many persons keep this thought of divine order with them, as I keep it, and find it a good way to turn their mind from the seeming error to the underlying Truth. This is the purpose of affirmative prayer, you know, to turn the mind from the seeming to the real.

Through declaring the words "divine order" you gain freedom from fear and doubt, you set your house in order, and you open your life to the light, wholeness, peace, and plenty that are your rightful heritage. Divine order is now established in your mind, body, and affairs.

Daily Word to Be Mailed Earlier

So that *Daily Word* will be sure to reach you before the 1st of each month, your magazine will hereafter be mailed one week earlier. This change will become effective with the next issue.

Thursday

APRIL 1

I AM ILLUMINED BY THE LIGHT OF GOD
SHINING IN THE MIDST OF ME.

ALMOST EVERYONE who is interested in the spiritual side of life has had flashes of divine inspiration, and it is a wonderful and unforgettable experience. When, in the midst of darkness and confusion, the light of Truth dawns in our soul we wonder how we could ever have been conscious of darkness and doubt.

The goal of every student of Truth is to sustain this awareness of light and inspiration, to keep the mind so filled with the consciousness of divine inspiration and understanding that there are never any times of obscurity and anxiety. We desire to live so completely in the realization of the light of Spirit that there is no room for fear or worry or indecision.

Not an easy goal to reach, we think, but each experience of divine insight brings attainment that much nearer. Each victory of light over darkness clarifies our vision and plants our feet more firmly and more surely on the pathway of light.

*For thou wilt light my lamp;
Jehovah my God will lighten my darkness.*
—PSALMS 18:28.

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GOD'S INFINITE GOOD SURROUNDS ME, INFOLDS ME, AND FREES ME FROM ALL BONDAGE.

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WE ARE completely surrounded by God's good. It stretches out behind and beckons on ahead. It is on either side. It circles us round, and we are in the midst of it. God's good is ever present, for life is from God, and God is all-good.

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There is no outer pale. We cannot stray beyond His love and care. There is blessed assurance and comfort in the truth that God's good is ever available, that He is always seeking us.

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No matter what our yesterdays have been, no matter what our tomorrows seem to promise, the loving Father is always at hand, eternally forgiving, eternally offering us His good, eternally seeking the perfect union with us.

God is with us always, within us, the very substance of our being. When we realize our oneness with Him all His good becomes our good.

* *Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for Jehovah, even Jehovah, is my strength and song and he is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.—ISA. 12:2, 3.*

MOMENT BY MOMENT, IN ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE AND JOY, I PRESS ON TO THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD.

THOUGH IT may often seem to you that your ideals are impossible dreams, whatever you can vision you can reach. Whatever you can desire you can accomplish. Whatever your goal you have sufficient strength and ability to realize it.

The higher your aims the greater your progress in spiritual unfoldment will be, for constant reaching and stretching upward to this desire of your heart exercises spiritual muscles that would otherwise remain dormant within you.

Cherish your dreams. The desire of your heart is God's desire for your good, and He is helping you attain it. Keep ascending the mountain of spiritual realization by daily application of the Truth you know, and when mists hide the mountaintop continue still undaunted, sure, and you will reach the sun-tipped heights.

Place your faith in God, who dwells in you, and all the power in heaven and earth will give you aid.

● *Forgetting the things which are behind.*—PHIL. 3:13.

Sunday

I CONSCIOUSLY WORK WITH THE LAW OF
DIVINE ORDER, AND MY LIFE IS ORDERLY
AND HARMONIOUS.

THE TERM divine order is one we use frequently in Truth, and it signifies our recognition of the law that is ever at work in the universe to regulate all things in order and harmony. When we consciously act in accord with this law every detail of our life works out smoothly and easily, requiring a minimum of time and effort. When we fail to recognize this law however and do not tune in with it, disorder and confusion result.

Acknowledge the presence and power of this law in your own life and affairs. Begin each day by realizing that you live in a world of order and harmony. At the start of each small task or large undertaking invoke this divine law and work with it for smooth, easy accomplishment. If something apparently goes wrong refuse to become disturbed or confused, but quietly affirm that the adjusting power of God is at work in your affairs.

*Make level the path of thy feet,
And let all thy ways be established.*

—PROV. 4:26.

Monday

APRIL 3

I AM QUIET AND CONFIDENT AND IN CONTROL OF MY THOUGHTS THROUGH THE CHRIST WITHIN.

WHenever thoughts of any kind that I feel to be false or negative arise in my mind, I say, "Be still, and know that I am God." I affirm: "God is love and strength and harmony. God directs my life. I express Him. I think His thoughts."

In the face of positive affirmations of Truth the false thoughts melt and vanish into thin air. They disappear as darkness does when the light is turned on.

I deny all negative, destructive thoughts in my own mind and in the minds of other persons. Silently I say: "Be still. Be still and know." I feel newness of life surge through me, filling and thrilling me, as I deny the false and affirm the true.

Realization of God's presence ever with me gives me mastery of all things. All tumult is stilled before Him.

I am quiet and confident and in control of my thoughts through the Christ within.

✿ *Even the winds and the sea obey him.*—MATT. 8:27.

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APRIL 6

Tuesday

THE DIVINE LAW OF JUSTICE IS ACTIVE IN MY LIFE AND AFFAIRS, AND MY GOOD IS ESTABLISHED FOR ME NOW.

I AM AT PEACE as regards myself and my affairs, and I have no fear of the past or the future. I know that I live under the divine law of love and justice and that my good is established for me now and forever.

Even if men do not seem to mete out justice, I know that there is a larger law of justice, the justice of God that is always sure, that inevitably and invariably sets all things right and blesses all persons with equity.

I do not judge by appearances when loss or lack or injustice seem evident. I keep my faith stayed on the justice of God. I give thanks that this justice will prevail in spite of any appearance to the contrary.

I place myself, my loved ones, all my affairs in the keeping of God and rest secure in the knowledge that His law is good and just and that His divine justice is established now.

* *I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me; declaring the end from the beginning.*
—ISA. 46:9.

Wednesday

APRIL 7

I TURN TO GOD FOR HIS WISE AND LOVING COUNSEL, AND HE GUIDES MY STEPS AND BLESSES ME IN ALL MY WAYS.

I AM GRATEFUL for the understanding that I can turn to God at any time for strength and light and understanding and He will not fail me. When I am perplexed and doubtful about the outcome of any of my affairs, the knowledge that God and His wisdom are as close to me as my breathing brings me peace and serenity of spirit. I dismiss all anxious thoughts from my mind, for I know that He is guiding and directing me, making every step I am to take clear before me.

I cannot be fearful or doubt that good will be established in my life and affairs, for I acknowledge my oneness with God and His power and wisdom. When I have a decision to make I turn to Him for His wise and loving counsel, and I am able to determine quickly and confidently the steps I should take. When I feel the need for additional strength to uphold me and courage to sustain me He responds instantly to my call, and I know that I am guided and blessed.

● *In all thy ways acknowledge him.*—PROV. 3:6.

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APRIL 8

Thursday

I AM NOT BOUND IN PERSONAL CONSCIOUSNESS. I AM FREE WITH THE FREEDOM OF SPIRIT.

I AM FREE with the freedom of Spirit. I am free from hurt feelings, I am free from false pride, I am free from envy or jealousy, I am free from feelings of inferiority.

I am free with the freedom of Spirit. In Spirit I am wise and loving and understanding. In Spirit I know myself to be a beloved child of God, important to Him, and important to His world.

If a situation arises to disturb my poise or peace of mind, I rise out of personal consciousness by declaring my freedom in Spirit. Spirit in me stands strong and sure, regardless of circumstances, regardless of what other persons may say or do.

I rise out of personal consciousness into God consciousness, and I am able to view all things in a new perspective. I take the long view of things and see the unimportance of the petty things that previously annoyed me.

I am not bound in personal consciousness. I am free with the freedom of Spirit.

✱ *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace.*—ISA. 26:3.

Friday

APRIL 9

EVERY DAY I KEEP MY FAITH STEADFAST, MY VISION CLEAR, AND MY OWN COMES TO ME.

DEEP IN my heart I know that there is a God who supplies my every need. Every need, whether it be for food for my body or food for my soul, is supplied to me by my Father.

I reaffirm my faith in the goodness of God when I am tempted to take my vision away from the good that is mine and gaze with despair upon the conditions that confront me. This steadfast knowing that God is fulfilling my every need gives my heart the courage and strength to keep my vision high in the face of hopelessness. It enables me to go forth each day joyously and courageously to meet my good.

Steadfastly and unwaveringly I meet and solve all problems with a feeling of confidence in my heart. Why? Because I know that as long as I keep God in my heart and follow His guidance in my daily living He will supply my every need, whether it be for health of mind or body, for guidance in affairs, or for abundance in finances.

• *Yet am I with you in the spirit . . . and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.*—COL. 2:5.

I LET GOD REMOLD MY ENTIRE BEING INTO
THE LIKENESS OF THE RADIANT CHRIST.

GOD CAN express His divine attributes through us only when we think in accordance with His will for us, as revealed by Jesus Christ. If we hold mental images of ourselves as weak, sick, incapable, doomed to failure, these conditions seem to solidify in our consciousness and interfere with our ability to experience the free-flowing inspiration of Spirit.

God has implanted the Christ perfection in your soul. As you realize this truth and surrender yourself to the healing activity of the Christ your mind, soul, and body will be molded into their originally intended perfection of expression.

Have you thought of your body as being confined to some particular negative quality? Release that thought, and let the miracle-working life of Christ transfigure your body. Does your personality seem to be badly adjusted in any way? Let go of this belief and rejoice, for Spirit is remolding you anew into the perfect Christ pattern.

* *We shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is.*—I JOHN 3:2.

Faith

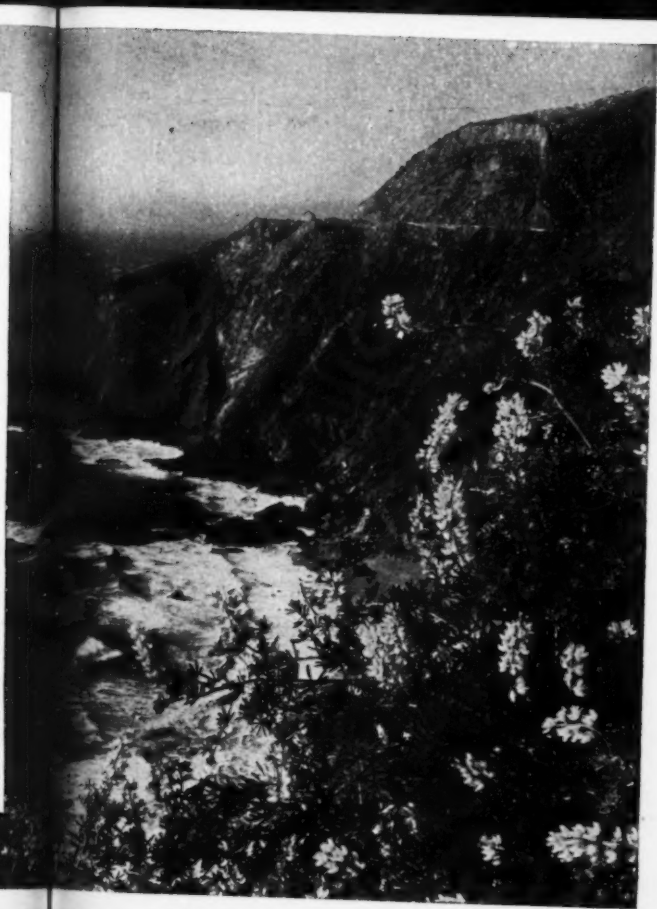
I cannot fathom the whole of His
plan—

Can one drop fathom the sea?
Can a candle's beams tell aught of
the stars,
Or wings tell how to be free?

Faith is the one thing only
That can link the composite chain:
A knowledge beyond all shadow of
doubt,
A trusting beyond all strain;

A belief, like the rock-ribbed Andes,
That I am forevermore His;
A belief so strong that nothing can
mar it,
A heart that thunders, "God is!"

—Elizabeth Barr Haas;
Best-Loved Unity Poems.



Sunday

APRIL 11

IN THIS MORNING HOUR I DEDICATE MYSELF
TO GOD.

IN THIS morning hour I dedicate myself to God.
I sing a song of thankfulness at this day's
beginning.

In this morning hour I consecrate myself to God. I would seek His counsel in my day's activities; I would use His wisdom in my relations with my fellow men; I would attain His peace and so bring more peace into the world.

In the morning's quietness I think about the world. I know that this is God's world. I know that I am an important part of it; for through me His love blesses others, through me His goodness comes forth. God has appointed me to be His channel, to accept His grace, to share His good with others.

In this morning hour I give thanks to God for the beauty of this day. I give thanks to Him for the abundant energy that flows through me so that I may fulfill His purposes actively and joyously. In this morning hour I receive new life.

*But his delight is in the law of Jehovah;
And on his law doth he meditate day and night.*
—PSALMS 1:2.

APRIL 12

Monday

MY WHOLE TRUST IS IN GOD, AND I KNOW
THAT I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.

YOUR RECOGNITION of God as the greatest power in the world and your trust that His loving, protecting presence is with you wherever you go and whatever you have to meet will release you from thoughts of fear. Your faith that God will care for and watch over you and your dear ones will bring you a sense of security and serenity of mind under all circumstances.

If you have been harboring thoughts of fear and allowing them to destroy your peace of mind, take time to analyze these personal anxieties and let the light of your understanding of God's presence and power dispel them. Have you been afraid of material dangers, of some other person, of your own ability to meet any situation with poise and confidence? Then you have been placing your faith in some other power than God. Learn to trust Him and to rely on Him in every experience, and you will be calm and relaxed at all times and free from fear of every kind.

*Jehovah is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?*

—PSALMS 27:1.

Tuesday

APRIL 13

I CANNOT FAIL IN ANY UNDERTAKING, FOR CHRIST IN ME IS MY ABILITY TO SUCCEED.

THERE IS no such thing as luck or fate in the usual acceptance of these terms. Our chances of succeeding in life are not dependent upon "good breaks" or "knowing the right people." The way we think about our abilities determines what success we shall have. The limitations we build about ourselves and our capabilities stand in the way of our progress.

To recognize that your powers are as unlimited and infinite as your belief concerning them is transforming. The key to all success is within your possession, and though you have never seemed to succeed in your undertakings up to this present moment, rejoice now, for God is reminding you that Christ in you is undefeatable. Christ in you brings to you the experiences that will benefit you, the persons that will inspire and aid you.

You are infinitely talented, for God made you in His image and likeness. He will bring your talents to your attention and give you the strength and understanding to develop them.

♣ *Keep . . . the words of this covenant.*—DEUT. 29:9.

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APRIL 14

Wednesday

TODAY I OPEN MY LIFE TO GOD AND LET IT
BE A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD
IN ACTION.

I SURRENDER my life to God; henceforth my personal self shall be identified with Christ, the Son of God, and all negation, all intolerance and prejudice will be crossed out and erased forever.

Faith, as it spurs me to act on God's guidance, so thrills me that every cell of my body responds and even my blood is quickened. I stand forth whole and free of everything but Christ.

I am one in spirit not only with Christ and with God but with everyone in the whole world who is also looking Godward. Potentially I am unified in spirit with every man, woman, and child in the universe. How exciting is the very thought of this unity which can make over the whole world.

Generosity becomes a new keynote in my life when I realize my oneness with God and with His creation. I give freely of everything, every talent, every thought. I give freely of prayer to the whole world.

● *In demonstration of the Spirit and of power.—I
COR. 2:4.*

Thursday

APRIL 15

THIS DAY I LOVE EVERY LIVING SOUL EVEN
AS CHRIST LOVES ME.

I AM COMFORTED by the realization that God loves me, forgives me, and I let His healing Spirit reach forth through me and touch the heart of those who need to know His love.

I judge others not according to their weaknesses but according to the goodness that is in them. I praise and magnify their good qualities until these overshadow all lesser qualities, and I love and have faith in the potential Christ that resides in them. Even as God looks beyond my mistakes to the efforts I make to overcome them so I realize that the desires and efforts of others toward overcoming are the only things that matter.

In all my dealings with others I think, say, and do only that which is constructive, kind, and helpful. I act toward others as I would have them act toward me, and I think of them as I like to have others think of me.

O loving Christ Spirit within me, teach me to love! I would be an oasis in another's desert barrenness, a healing balm to his wounds, a light in his darkness.

♣ *Beloved, let us love one another.*—I JOHN 4:7.

ENLIGHTENED BY THE CHRIST WITHIN, I
JUDGE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT ALWAYS.

WE ARE prone to judge others by their words and deeds, but this is not the way Jesus judged or the way He admonished His followers to judge. The Christ nature in Him enabled Him to see the divine nature in all men. The people judged Zacchaeus a sinner, but Jesus, seeing deeper, called forth the good in him.

When we realize the truth that the Christ Spirit dwells in us and open our eyes to spiritual understanding, we see as Jesus saw and judge as He judged.

We do not condemn ourselves or others on the basis of surface appearances. We keep our mind fixed on the Christ nature in all and see only perfection beneath the seeming imperfection.

Our righteous judgment brings the truth into manifestation, and those we judge are set free from all prejudice and falsity.

Enlightened by the Christ within, we see only the good in all men, and we judge righteous judgment always.

☛ *Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*—JOHN 7:24.

EVEN AS JESUS RAISED LAZARUS TO NEW LIFE,
SO THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IN ME RESURRECTS
ME FROM ALL SENSE OF LIMITATION.

I REJOICE IN the realization that the all-powerful presence of Christ is actively at work in every atom of my being. I rejoice in the truth that every moment is a resurrection into a more perfect realization of my inevitable victory through Christ. My thoughts and beliefs are being renewed, my habits and desires are being refined and spiritualized, my subconscious mind is being purified, and my body cells are being harmonized and glorified. I believe that I am being momentarily uplifted and transformed within and without from glory to greater glory.

In every appearance of negation I behold this eternal activity, this divine alchemy transforming all negation into spiritual perfection. I behold the pure Christ life energizing my consciousness with its healing currents. I breathe God's breath of life into all that seemed dead and hopeless, and I rejoice that despite appearances my whole being is in the ascendancy.

* *So must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth may . . . have eternal life.*—JOHN 3:14.

Sunday

GOD IS ALL ABOUT ME, WITHIN, WITHOUT,
AND EVERYWHERE, FILLING MY BEING WITH
HIS LOVE.

GOD is in all things. He is in word and look
and song and smile. He is in my spirit
and my spirit is in Him. I breathe and
move in Him. I see Him and feel Him and know
Him wherever I go.

I know this is God's universe. This is my Fa-
ther's world. There is nothing in it but God. There
is nothing in me but God. He is the beginning
and the end, the center and the circumference.

There is everlasting hope for me and for all
mankind, for the eternal God and His Truth direct
the universe. Nothing ever can change this glori-
ous fact. God is good and God is all.

I am not afraid of anything. I am not cast
down by any condition or circumstance. I rejoice
and am glad, for I know that my loving Father
and His truth abide and rule forever.

God is all about me, within, without, and ev-
erywhere.

** I am the Alpha and the Omega, saith the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.
—REV. 1:8.*

Monday

APRIL 19

MY COMPLETE TRUST IS IN GOD, AND HE
SUPPLIES ALL MY NEEDS.

I DO NOT depend on myself or on other persons. I do not depend on any material things. I do not depend on circumstances or conditions. I do not even depend on prayer. I depend on God, the source, for the supply of all my needs.

I communicate with God through prayer, and He answers my prayer. I pray that my needs be supplied according to His wisdom, and I fully trust Him in the knowledge that His wisdom is perfect.

He supplies the daily bread of material and spiritual sustenance. My needs for food, for clothing, for shelter, for courage, for strength, for health, for faith, for love are all supplied from His abundance.

I trust in God and all fear of every sort is removed forever. My supply of good shall never end, for I am in touch with the infinite source.

I depend upon God utterly.

*Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul.*

—PSALMS 23:1.

THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH ILLUMINES ME.—UNITY ILLUMINATION THOUGHT.

THE ILLUMINATION thought to be used by the Society of Silent Unity beginning today and continuing through May 19 is an affirmation that contains great power to exalt the inner being and lift up the mind.

When the Spirit of truth illumines our consciousness we are able to see the divine truth about ourselves. Instead of seeing ourselves as we may seem to be, weak, purposeless, ineffective, frustrated, we see ourselves as we truly are in the sight of God, strong, purposeful, powerful, successful, filled with a mighty power to accomplish good.

Spiritual illumination brings light not only to our mind, but to every part of our being. It releases our mind from worry, because it reveals to us the truth of God's ever-present care for us. It brings us peace and tranquillity, because it enables us to see that whatever appears to be causing us distress actually has no power whatever to do so. The light of the Spirit of truth fills us with joy and supreme gladness.

• *I am come a light into the world.*—JOHN 12:46.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, AND EVERY THOUGHT OF LACK REVEALS A SILVER LINING OF SUPERABUNDANCE.—UNITY PROSPERITY THOUGHT.

WHEN WE permit thoughts of lack to enter our mind they form a dark curtain that hangs before us so that we do not behold the infinite substance of God that is ours for the claiming. But behind the dark curtain of lack is a bright silver lining of superabundance, plenty to meet every need and to spare.

At our command we have the mighty Spirit of truth, the very Spirit of God Himself, whose power to transform our thoughts of lack into thoughts of plenty is instantly available when we invoke it in faith.

A thought of lack is a fear-ridden thought that looks away from God. The transforming power of the Spirit of truth turns it about, removes the cloud of fear from it, and illumines it with the glorious radiance of God's infinite abundance.

✿ *For all things are yours; whether . . . the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours.*—I COR. 3:22, 23.

MY MIND IS TRANSFORMED BY THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, AND I AM MADE WHOLE.—UNITY HEALING THOUGHT.

WHOLENESS OF body is made manifest for us according to our faith in God. God is the source of our life and health. Paul put this truth of being into words when he said, "In him we live, and move, and have our being."

A state of physical weakness or ill-health is a signal to us that we need to renew and increase our faith in God, the spirit of life and truth, the healer of every untoward condition. The physical manifestation of imperfection shows that we have let our understanding of God and our faith in Him become impaired by fear, uncertainty, anger, distrust, hatred, or some other negative mental state.

But whatever the cause may have been, all we need to do is to turn at once, this moment, to God and let His cleansing, transforming Spirit uplift, strengthen, and wholly renew us in spirit, mind, and body.

• *Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.*
—ROM. 12:2.

NO HARM CAN BEFALL ME. I AM SAFE AND
SECURE IN THE EVERLASTING ARMS.

I AM NOT afraid of accident or illness or harm of any sort coming to me or to my loved ones. I co-operate with God's law as I draw on His wisdom, and having done all, I rest in perfect trust in His loving care.

I turn to the impregnable Christ Spirit within and know that nothing, absolutely nothing, can harm me, for I am everlastingly sheltered and protected by the loving Father. I place all my loved ones in His care and know that they too are safe and secure.

I think only thoughts of security and blessing, and I see the truth made manifest. Never for a moment do I let my mind dwell on the possibility of harm of any sort, for my trust is in the Lord, who supplies only good and whose Spirit works through me. He is my shield and defender. His protective love infolds me. No harm can befall me.

*He will cover thee with his pinions,
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge:
His truth is a shield and a buckler.*

—PSALMS 91:4.

APRIL 24

Saturday

GOD IS THE SOURCE OF MY WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING.

SOMETIMES WE are inclined to think of our mental capacity as limited, and we feel unable to cope with some of the problems that confront us. This is because we fail to recognize that God, the source of all wisdom and understanding, is constantly available to us. We grope about trying to depend on our human understanding and capabilities when all the time the solution is at hand by turning within to God's wisdom.

Acknowledge that your mind is one with God's mind and that His intelligence activates all your thought processes. When you are faced with something perplexing do not close the channels of your mind by thinking it is too difficult for you to understand but open them to divine instruction. As you become receptive to God's wisdom the ideas will begin to flow and your mind will become clear and alert. The outer steps necessary for understanding will be revealed to you, and you will be assured of continual progress.

✻ *Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts?*—JOB 38:36.

DIVINE LOVE WORKS THROUGH ME TO BRING HARMONY, ORDER, AND PEACE INTO MY HOME AND AFFAIRS.

“**L**OVE NEVER faileth.” As I turn to God for help in my affairs today I realize that no matter what the situation, no matter how great the human adjustment needed, no matter how much the fault seems to lie in other persons, it is in my own self that the love of God must work first. So I turn within and let the all-infolding love of God fill my mind and heart. Filled with the spirit of divine love, I bless all the persons and situations in my life.

I know that I can see all things as God sees them, for I see them through His eyes. He sees only the good, the true, the perfect; and my eyes are opened to see this perfection too.

God's love manifesting itself through me is all-powerful in adjusting all things, in melting away all error. God's love, His peace, His order, and His harmony flow into my thought and out into my home and affairs.

There is nothing so wrong in my life that divine love cannot heal or adjust it.

♣ *Love never faileth.*—I COR. 13:8.

I AM CREATED IN THE FATHER'S IMAGE. I AM PERFECT, WHOLE, WITHOUT BLEMISH.

YOU ARE A divine child of the divine Father. In Truth you are perfect, whole, without blemish. All the conditions in your body, your mind, your affairs that seem to be imperfect or evil or harmful are unrealities. They are appearances without real substance.

Lift your heart to your loving Father, and deny the power of unreal things to harm you. Deny all power to appearances of every sort. Know the truth that all power is in the omnipotent God and is given to you by Him. Positively press your denials into the face of what seems to be, and you will see unrealities fade as darkness fades before the sun. Darkness is only a lack of light.

You are perfect in every phase of your being as God is perfect. You are divine Spirit, a child of God. Lift up your heart today and claim your heritage.

In Truth you are created in the Father's image. You are perfect, whole, without blemish.

✠ *And God said, Let us make man in our image, and after our likeness: and let them have dominion . . . over all the earth.*—GEN. 1:26.

Tuesday

APRIL 27

I ACCEPT MY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PEACE
OF THE WORLD.

I WANT PEACE to bless the world, all the world, and right now I accept my responsibility for this peace.

The great commandments of Jesus were based on love: love for God; love for man. They are the greatest commandments; they are the law of the world; they are the law of the heart.

I resolve to do my part in putting the law of love into action. If I fail to give love and consideration to anyone, I am shutting God out of my life, I am breaking the peace of the world, I am forgetting to conduct myself as a son of God.

Beginning now, I will let God's love rule my relations with all men. God's law of love sustains the peace of the world, and by following it I help sustain this peace. I will let the spirit of love go before me as I approach my fellow men in whatever relationship. Love rules the citadel of my heart, and peace is blessing my world.

✱ *Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord . . . lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you.*—HEB. 12:14, 15.

APRIL 28

Wednesday

MY PLANS ARE MOMENTLY PERFECTED BY
GOD.

EACH DAY brings situations that need right handling. Before these press too heavily upon me I seek God. I turn to Him in prayer, and I lay every confused condition at His feet. I ask for guidance, and I wait in the silence until I am filled with peace. I pray not only for help in specific areas of my life but also for constant help throughout the day.

As the hours go by I remain in a spiritual atmosphere of oneness with God. When I am confronted by the necessity for decisions I simply turn to the Spirit of God within, and I am shown the way. This is impossible if I am fearful, confused, impatient. But if I turn away from doubt I can discern the truth; I can see clearly the way to go. Perhaps words will come to my mind at once; perhaps I will only feel serene, able to go forward a step at a time, knowing that the decision that makes me feel right is of God and that with God as my guide I cannot take the wrong step.

I go forward in faith and love, in close touch with the Father.

✿ *Make you perfect in every good thing.*—HEB. 13:21.

Thursday

APRIL 29

I FILL MY MIND WITH THOUGHTS OF BEAUTY,
HARMONY, PURITY, AND LOVE.

IN SPITE of circumstances and appearances you can choose your thoughts. God has given you freedom of choice. You can decide what thoughts you are to think. You can chart your course, and by holding to it you can avoid rocks and shoals and reach harbor safely.

Choose to see beauty about you and think beautiful thoughts. However drab and unlovely appearances may be there is still beauty to be seen. Think beauty and you will see it.

Think harmonious thoughts and your life will be harmonious. Think pure thoughts and your experience will be purity of heart. As God is pure and sees only purity so you may resolutely choose to build a pure nature by pure thoughts.

Think thoughts of love toward all men. Deny evil; keep your mind fixed on good. By the operation of God's law that on which you center your mind will come into manifestation in your life.

✿ *Ye did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, . . . that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*—JOHN 15:16.

APRIL 30

Friday

I AM STRENGTHENED AND SUSTAINED BY MY
UNDERSTANDING OF TRUTH.

I KNOW THAT GOD, the good, is the only presence and power. I trust in God. I trust in the outworking of good in my life and in the life of every living soul.

I believe in eternal life. I believe that life does not begin with birth nor end with death. I believe that every soul finds fulfillment, that no life is futile or lived in vain.

I have faith in God's good purposes, which are beyond human comprehension. I believe that I am learning and growing, that I am putting on the Christ nature.

I believe that the Spirit of God is in me, that His Spirit is in every man. I believe that the unfoldment of spiritual powers is the true aim of living, that the realization of His presence is the true purpose of prayer.

I believe in the Truth that I know, and I continually add to my understanding of Truth by viewing all conditions, all circumstances, all persons, all experiences in the light of Truth.

* *Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*—JOHN 8:32.

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Mr. Cliffe Says:

"As a food chemist, I know that the foods I eat each day are converted into the various parts of my body; in other words my physical well-being depends for its development upon my daily diet. However . . . in spite of a so-called perfect diet of the right foods, many people suffered from disease, which according to the principles of nutrition should never have occurred."

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Omnipresence

ANNE WARREN

I see God's face in tulip buds
That open to the sun;
I see God's face in stars at night
That come out one by one.
I see God's face in cherry blooms
As white as high-banked snow;
I see God's face in summer skies,
In sunset's afterglow.

I hear God's voice in an organ's tone;
In the shout of a laughing child.
I hear God's voice in chapel bells
And in the thunder wild.
I hear His voice in rolling drums
And in a bird's gay song;
And in the silence of the night
I hear it clear and strong.

I know God's love in sunlit warmth
And in the growth of grain;
I know God's love in sweeping wind,
In the cool of sudden rain.
I know God's love in love of friends
And in my family's care;
I look about at the busy world
And see God's love everywhere.

